

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A DC/DC voltage converter between a high-voltage electrical network and a low-voltage electrical network comprises a plurality of cells (100, 200, ..., 600) connected in parallel. Each cell (100, 200, ..., 600) comprises a chopper DC/DC converter and a single protection transistor (13, 23, ..., 63) preferably connected in a high-voltage portion of the converter ~~and thereby~~ enabling ~~said~~any of the cells to be taken out of service independently of the other cells while minimizing power consumption in normal operation.